

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES

DOCKET NO. 2015-55-E

Application of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC to Establish a Distributed Energy Resource Program

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC (DEC or the Company) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) to implement a Distributed Energy Resource Program (DER Program) to accomplish and further the purposes and goals of the South Carolina Distributed Energy Resource Program Act (Act 236 or the Act). Act 236 which, in part, promotes the establishment of a reliable, efficient, and diversified portfolio of distributed energy resources for the State, permits an electrical utility to apply to the Commission for approval to participate in a DER Program. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-130.

The Company's portfolio of initiatives is designed to increase the capacity of renewable generation located in its service area from 1,300 kilowatts (kW), as of January 1, 2015, to approximately 84,000 kW by January 1, 2021. In its Application, DEC proposed three, new customer initiatives designed to meet the specific requirements set forth in S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-130 (C)(2): the NEM DER Incentive; the Solar Rebate Program; and the Shared Solar Program. Pages 9, 10, and 11 of the Application contain summaries for each of these initiatives.

DEC's Projected Incremental DER Costs, as outlined in Table 3 of its Application, is as follows:

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total Incremental Costs	\$2,019,929	\$4,677,824	\$6,406,172	\$8,287,058	\$10,744,188	\$12,929,194

S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-39-150 provides, in part, that the Commission must not approve a DER plan in which the total incremental costs to be incurred by an electrical utility and recovered from the electrical utility's South Carolina retail customer classes exceeds the following annual amounts per number of accounts for costs that are incurred on or after January 1, 2014: residential: \$12; commercial: \$120; and industrial: \$1200.

In sum, DEC requests the following relief, in part, from the Commission: Approval of its DER Program as outlined in its Application; approval to recover costs of the DER Program pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Sections 58-27-865, 58-39-140 and 58-39-150 through a fixed monthly incremental per-account charge within the fuel cost component of its base rates; approval of the Company's request to follow deferred accounting with respect to any unrecovered DER incremental costs in excess of per-account annual cost caps, and to recover such costs, with associated carrying costs, in subsequent periods; and approval for the authority to modify and supplement its DER Program to accomplish and further the goals of Act 236.

A copy of the company's application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 2015-55-E. Additionally, a copy of the application is available from Charles A. Castle, Esquire, Duke Energy Corporation, 550 South Tryon St./DEC45A, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201-1006 and Frank R. Ellerbe III, Esquire, Robinson McFadden & Moore, P.C., 1901 Main Street, Suite 1200, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on the above matter has been scheduled to begin on **Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.**, and **continuing to May 20th and 21st and further continued after these dates, if necessary**, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **April 17, 2015**. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2015-55-E and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.*** Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the company at the above address, on or before **April 17, 2015**. ***Please refer to Docket No. 2015-55-E.***

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only): All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all parties of record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's **Direct Testimony** Due: **3/17/2015**; Other Parties of Record **Direct Testimony** Due: **4/28/2015**; Applicant's **Rebuttal Testimony** Due: **5/5/2015**; and Other Parties of Record **Surrebuttal Testimony** Due: **5/12/2015**. All Prefiled Testimony Deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under ***Docket No. 2015-55-E***.

For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and ***Docket No. 2015-55-E***.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments in person to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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